2. कलकत्ता इंडस्ट्रियल सप्लाई कारपोरेशन, कलकत्ता।
3. बनवारी लाल अग्रवाला, कलकत्ता।
4. मेसर्स बी.डी. सिंह, रूपनारायणपुर, जिला-बर्द्धवान।
5. मेसर्स एस.पी. शर्मा, चित्रा, आसनसोल।
6. मेसर्स कौशिक मुखर्जी, आसनसोल।
7. आर.एल. देवघरिया, सालनपुर, बर्द्धवान।
8. मेसर्स रेयतानी कंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी, जोरापाठक रोड नं॰ 2, धनबाद, जिला; धनबाद (बिहार)।
9. मेसर्स इंडो इंजीनियरिंग कारपोरेशन लि., रांची।
10. मेसर्स सी.एम.सी. लिमिटेड, कलकत्ता।
11. मेसर्स हमबोल्ड वेदाग इंडिया लि., कलकत्ता।
12. मेसर्स त्रिवेणी इंजीनियरी एंड इंडस्ट्री लि., नई दिल्ली।
13. मेसर्स इंडो इंजीनियरिंग वर्क्स, रांची।

Provident Fund and Pensions of coal mine workers

894. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether several suggestions relating to provident fund and pensions of coal mine workers have been made to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action on such suggestions has since been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been received from various persons/employee's association regarding monthly payment of interest on account of Coal Mines Provident Fund, doing away with the forefeiture clause under Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme and also the enhancement of quantum of benefits and reckoning of past services as envisaged under the proposed Coal Mines Pension Scheme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As and when any suggestion is received, the same is examined depending upon its advantages/disadvantages and also its feasibility i.e. the viability of the fund and other statutory limitations. Recently the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme has been amended to do away with the forefeiture clause and the waiting period. The Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act has also been amended to enable a pension scheme, in lieu of the existing Family Pension scheme, to be drawn up.

Certifying persons for coal mining plans

895. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Bureau of Mines has been the authorised Body for certifying the persons for preparation of coal mining plans, for the pruposes of MC Rules, 1960 and MMRD Act, 1957;

(b) if so, under what [illegible] Standing Committee in the Ministry of Coal has been authorised [illegible] C of the MC Rules, 1960;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after such authority, the Standing Committee is being used as the sole authority for issue of certificates for the purpose of Rule 22 C of the MC Rules; and

(d) if so, under what provisions of law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (d) In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, the Government of India in the Ministry of Energy (Department of Coal) have issued a Gazette Notification on 20th June, 1988 that in respect of mining leases relating to coal, lignite and sand for stowing, the powers under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the said Act will be exercised by a Standing Committee of the Ministry headed by Secretary (Coal). In the same Gazette Notification the Standing Committee was appointed as the competent authority for purpose of Rule 22 C of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.